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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Military and Non-Military Countermeasures  
in the Berlin Crisis

Reference: Memorandum for the National Security Council  
from the Executive Secretary, April 28, 1959.

I forward herewith the first report of the group,  
chaired by Mr. Murphy, which was established to co-  
ordinate further planning in accordance with the action  
taken at the special meeting of the NSC on April 23.

✓ 1. It is recommended that the Department of State  
be authorized to use information contained in the study  
of non-military measures, dated April 11, 1959, in dis-  
cussing contingency planning with the United Kingdom  
and France, and subsequently with other NATO allies as  
deemed appropriate. The information would be used in-  
formally and piecemeal at first, in a manner designed  
to elicit the ideas of our allies.

✓ 2. Since the Embassy at Bonn has a role in con-  
tingency planning with regard to air access, the Co-  
ordinating Group believes that both the above study  
and the study of military measures, dated April 15,  
1959, should be sent to the Embassy for its background  
information. This will be done April 30 if you do not  
object.

✓ 3. It has come to the Coordinating Group's  
attention that one point in the discussion of the two  
studies

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studies with you on April 23 may need clarification. The "substantial effort to reopen ground access by local action" described as alternative I in the study of military measures is quite distinct from the "initial probe of Soviet intentions" called for in present contingency planning as agreed by the U. S., UK and France. In accordance with this planning the paper contemplates that substantial resort to force would come only after the existence of unacceptable interference with access had been established by that initial probe.

/S/ DOUGLAS DILLON

Acting Secretary

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